



Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Time to pour the margaritas, it's Cinco de Mayo! Here are some fun facts about this holiday that you probably didn't know:



- Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence Day (that's September 16th), but this day celebrates Mexico's victory against the French in the Battle at Puebla on May 5, 1862. This was an amazing feat because Mexican troops were largely outnumbered by the French.
- Although it's a holiday that celebrates Hispanic heritage, it's only celebrated in the United States and Puebla, Veracruz (where the battle was held).
- Americans consume 81 million pounds of avocados on May 5th every year!
- The world's largest Cinco de Mayo party, Fiesta Broadway, is in Los Angeles, CA and major streets are shut down for the hundreds of thousands of people who gather to party and revel in the Mexican food, music and crafts. Other major party cities include Denver, New York City, Phoenix, Houston and right here in Virginia Beach at Gardner & Mendoza!
- Chandler, AZ holds Chihuahua races in celebration.
- President Abraham Lincoln supported Mexico in their war against France but was tied up with the U.S. Civil War during Cinco de Mayo. Once the Civil War was over, he forced France to withdraw their troops from Mexico.
- President Franklin Roosevelt made Cinco de Mayo a popular holiday in 1933 when he enacted the "Good Neighbor Policy."



Radlyn and her team assisted us with our PR application and, as always, we received superb service. As is usual with immigration issues we had lots of questions and queries about forms, processes, supporting documentation, etc. Radlyn and her team researched and answered all our issues and questions and nothing was deemed too small a problem or too much trouble. We always received prompt replies and good advice, and Radlyn and her team's professionalism and demeanor always put us at ease. If you want a first class immigration attorney then look no further than Gardner & Mendoza.

I'd highly recommend them. *-Martyn*



Saffron Indian Bistro

Darshak Patel came to the United States over 25 years ago after the urging of good friends. He decided to leave his hometown of Northwest Bombay, India and give it a shot.

After working in a gift shop and realizing success, Darshak decided to travel home to India to marry his love and the two of them returned to the states together to build their empire. Starting with gift shops at the beach, the couple began their entrepreneurial journey.

Gift shops led to hotels, and the Patels began to grow their hotel portfolio as well as their family. In the meantime the couple had two boys as their businesses continued to boom. But that still wasn't enough to satisfy Darshak's entrepreneurial spirit – he was now ready to conquer restaurants.

Seven years ago, Darshak introduced Saffron Indian Bistro to the Hampton Roads area. He was determined to provide diners with an exceptional dining experience that includes an extensive made-to-order menu. Darshak only hires highly trained, very experienced chefs that blend traditional methods and modern techniques of cooking to create amazing authentic Indian cuisine.

Darshak's sons are now in college, preparing to work in the family business. "If you work hard, you will succeed," says Mr. Patel.

Saffron has two convenient locations – check them out at the Virginia Beach Town Center location or on Monticello Avenue in downtown Norfolk. Enjoy some vindaloo and chili garlic naan while you delight in the sights and sounds of Bombay. And tell Darshak that Radlyn and John sent you!



Gardner & Mendoza's BIGGEST LOSER Is....

Attorney John Gardner, with a total weight loss of 19 pounds; 11.07% body weight!
Way to go, John!

After two grueling months, the entire team lost 98.2 pounds collectively! GM Law gave out over \$1,400 in prize money. Everyone won! Congrats, John, and everyone on the team!



Ute's Rouladen

Ingredients:

- 4 Rouladen (beef slices/flank steak)
- 2 onion
- 2 Tbsp. spoon mustard
- 4 pickles (cubed)
- 4 oz. bacon (cubed)
- Salt, pepper
- Margarine
- 2 cups cold water
- 2 Tbsp. spoon flour

Directions:

Spread beef slices with mustard, pepper and salt. Place chopped onion, bacon and pickles onto one end of the meat slice & roll all ingredients into a tight roll. Use white yarn or toothpicks to hold it together.

Brown in hot margarine, add leftover pickles, onion and bacon. Brown again until onion is medium brown.

Add hot water slowly until rouladen are covered and bake in oven at 300F for one hour or until meat is soft. Take out meat & stir flour into cold water. Add to low boiling meat sauce until sauce is thickened. Add rouladen and enjoy with veggies and lots of potatoes!



“The rouladen recipe is an old German recipe I took over from my mother. As a child, it was a special treat we ate once a month.”

—Ute Philipp



Check out our Facebook page to watch Radlyn & Ute kind-of making this!

DAPA DECISION COMING SOON!

In April, The Supreme Court heard oral arguments on DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents), with a decision expected in June or July 2016. If you're one of the 3.7 million undocumented immigrants whose children are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents, this could allow for temporary relief from deportation and rights to work in the United States!

You may be DAPA eligible if you meet this following criteria:

- Have a son or daughter who is a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident as of 11/20/2014
- Have lived continuously in the U.S. since 1/1/2010
- Were physically present in the U.S. 11/20/2014
- Have no valid immigration status as of 11/20/2014
- Pass a background check
- Are not considered an “enforcement priority”, which basically means you're a priority for deportation because of a wide range of criminal activity, including threats to national security, gang/terrorism involvement, felonies, domestic violence, sexual abuse, burglary, illegal possession of a gun, DUI and unlawful entry into the U.S. after 1/1/2014.

Check out our immigration blog at <http://www.gardnerandmendoza.com/immigration-blog> for more details!



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Geeking out at the
Virginia State Bar tech show!

Thank you for your referrals!

Ask Our Legal Beagle

Q: How serious is a reckless driving ticket?

A: While it may seem like a relatively harmless speeding ticket to you, Reckless Driving in Virginia is a Class 1 misdemeanor. This means the maximum punishment is up to one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine, if convicted. In fact, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Reckless Driving is a criminal charge and if you are convicted, you will have a permanent criminal record.



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